

**Rowe School Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 11, 2011**

The Massachusetts Open Meeting Law requires minutes for all school committee and subcommittee meetings. The recorded minutes are open to the public for inspection within 10 days of the meeting. Minutes are recorded to provide a brief overview that reflects the subject matter discussed and any decisions made. Motions made are to clearly indicate who made the motion and who seconded the motion. Record who was in favor, who opposed, or who abstained. The names of any person(s) appearing before the committee are to be indicated.

Documents:

Rowe School Committee Meeting Minutes for December 14, 2010
Letter from the Office of Attorney General Martha Coakley re: posting meetings
Letter to Rowe School Committee and Community from Johanna Weinstein re:
Bob Clancy and other staff.
Rowe School District Improvement Plan Fy10-Fy12
Rowe School Reduced Budget Summary FY12
Rowe School FY12 Proposed Budget
Rowe School District Staffing Projection FY12
Town of Rowe – Annual ESCO Lease Payment by Building
Draft 1-3-11 – Superintendent Performance Goals – School Year 2010-2011
January 11, 2011 Principals Report
Mohawk Trail Regional School District – Bid Opening for 71 Passenger School
Bus Vehicle Bid
Rowe School Capital Plan Request
Rowe School District – JLCA Physical Examinations of Students Policy
Rowe School District – JLCB Immunizations of Students Policy
Rowe School District – JLCD Administering Medicines in the School Policy
Rowe School District – JLCD-R Definitions
Mohawk, Hawlemont and Rowe District Joint Transportation Committee
December 10, 2010 “Evening of India” comes to Rowe” article in The Recorder
December 13, 2010 Boston Globe Editorial “9,750 kids, 20 school boards? Time
to combine systems”

1. Call to Order:

Maggie Rice called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

Roll call: Joanne Blier, Michael Buoniconti, Lisa Danek Burke, Maggie Rice,
Rebecca Richardson, Bob Clancy and Laurie Laffond present.

2. Audience of Citizens:

Please see attached list.

Discussions regarding Rowe School Budget, Principal Clancy’s contract, Barbara
Griffin’s position and Charles Garbiel’s position.

3. Approval of Minutes:

- A. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson
to approve the Rowe School Committee meeting minutes from December 14,
2010 as read. Unanimous yes vote.

4. Correspondence:

- A. December 17, 2010 letter to Attorney General Martha Coakley from Judy Willis re:
posting meetings on District website – See Appendix A
- B. January 11, 2011 letter to School Committee Members, Staff, and Community Members
re: The working conditions in the Mohawk School District – See Appendix B

5. Unfinished Business:

- A. Energy Project – The meeting scheduled for December 27th with Siemens was cancelled due to a snowstorm. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 14th at 10:00am. Still have a few heating problems with the two end classrooms.
- B. Solar Project – Still waiting for National Grid to turn on the switch for the Solar Panels.

6. Report of the Chairperson:

- A. None

7. Report of the Superintendent:

- A. District Improvement Plan Progress Report – See Appendix E
- B. FY12 Budget Proposal – (also discussed the Capital Plan at this time)
See Appendix C and D
- C. 2011-2012 School Choice Recommendations – See Action Items
- D. Superintendent's Performance Goals – See Appendix F
- E. Teacher Contract Negotiations – Will discuss during Executive Session

8. Financial Information:

- A. See Report of the Superintendent –Appendix C

9. Report of the Principal:

- A. Principal Report – As read - See Appendix G

10. Action Items:

- A. Vote to continue to be a School of Choice District for the 2011-2012 School Year - **A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to vote to continue to be a School of Choice District for the 2011-2012 School Year. Unanimous yes vote.**
- B. Vote to approve School Choice Slots for 2011-2012 School Year - **A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to declare the following School Choice available slots for FY2012 School Year. The slots would be: 3 slots in Preschool; 5 slots maximum in Kindergarten and 2 slots in 1st grade. Unanimous yes vote.**
- C. Vote to accept 71 Passenger School Bus Vehicle Bid - **A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to vote to accept a 71 Passenger School Bus Vehicle Bid with New England Transit for a 2011 Thomas Safety Liner. Unanimous yes vote. - See Appendix L**
- D. Vote to request purchase of paving at a cost of \$60,000 and garage at a cost of \$6,000 from the Town of Rowe Capital Stabilization Fund for FY12 - **A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to request purchase of paving at a cost of \$60,000 and a replacement garage at a cost of \$6,000 from the Town of Rowe Capital Stabilization Fund for FY12. Unanimous yes vote. See Appendix H**
- E. JLCA Physical Examinations of Students Policy – Second Read and Adoption - **A motion was made by Rebecca Richardson and seconded by Lisa Danek Burke to vote to accept and adopt the second read of the JLCA Physical Examinations of Students Policy. Unanimous yes vote. See Appendix I**
- F. JLCB Immunizations of Students Policy – Second Read and Adoption – **A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to vote to accept and adopt the second read of the JLCB Immunizations of Students Policy. Unanimous yes vote. See Appendix J**

- G. JLCD Administering Medicines in the School – Second Read and Adoption – **A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to vote to accept and adopt the second read of the JLCD Administering Medicines in the School Policy. Unanimous yes vote. See Appendix K**

11. Subcommittee Reports:

- A. Policy Subcommittee – None
- B. Transportation Subcommittee – December 7, 2010 DRAFT minutes -
– See Appendix M
- C. Negotiations Subcommittee – Executive Session

12. Handouts:

- A. December 10, 2010 “Evening of India’ comes to Rowe” article in The Recorder –
See Appendix N
- B. December 13, 2010 Boston Globe Editorial “9,750 kids, 20 school boards? Time to combine systems” See Appendix O

13. Executive Session:

- A. Executive Session, under M.G.L. c 39, Section 23B (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and contract negotiations with nonunion personnel.
A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to go into Executive Session , under M.G.L. c 39, Section 23B(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and will come out with the purpose of adjournment. Lisa Danek Burke – yes; Rebecca Richardson – yes; Maggie Rice - yes
Out of regular session at 9:50pm
Out of Executive session at 10:00pm for the purpose of adjournment

14. Adjournment:

- A. A motion was made by Lisa Danek Burke and seconded by Rebecca Richardson to adjourn the meeting at 10:01pm. Unanimous yes vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Laffond

Approved:

Margaret Rice, Chairman

Lisa Danek Burke

Rebecca Richardson